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§10:133K-1.4 Role of the State Central Registry for safe haven infants cases

(a) The State Central Registry maintains the 24-hour, toll-free hotline for accepting calls related to safe haven for infants pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4C-15.9.

(b) The hotline shall be known as the Safe Haven for Infants Hotline, and can be reached by dialing 1-877-839-2339.

(c) The hotline shall serve the following purposes related to the Safe Haven Infant Protection Act:

1. To provide information, support and guidance to persons who may be considering giving up or abandoning a newborn or an unborn child;
2. To receive and process a call from a hospital emergency department, when a live infant is brought there from a police station, or when a live infant is brought directly to the hospital emergency department by a parent or other person acting on behalf of the parent pursuant to the Act. Upon receipt of the call from a hospital emergency department, a hotline representative shall document the incident in writing;
3. To provide education and information to the public to:
 - i. Promote safe placement alternatives for newborn infants;
 - ii. Explain procedures established by the Act, including the confidentiality offered to parents pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4C-15.7g, and that the Act provides for an affirmative defense to prosecution for abandonment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4C-15.7e;
 - iii. Explain adoption procedures applicable under New Jersey State law; and
 - iv. Refer adoption inquiries to the appropriate office or agency in the Department of Children and Families; and
4. To monitor the handling of safe haven infant inquiries and calls.

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